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We went to lunch with Liliane de Rothschild, on Avenue Marigny. She had some recently acquired Renaissance objects, including several wonderful silver gilt drinking cups in the form of animals. There has been a recent article upon them in the "Connaissance des Arts," and the object depicted in the frontispiece of a large stag being attacked by a hound now belongs to her. She has the taste and instinct of a great collector. There was in her collection of brass dog collars one [redacted] worn by Barras's dog when its master lived in the Luxembourg Palace. As I remember the inscription, it read, "Please return this pretty animal to Citizen Barras at the Luxembourg."

André de Staercke came in this afternoon. He has arranged for a meeting of the Directing Committee of EDC on Monday to consider procedure regarding signing the protocols, and hopes it will be held regardless of whether or not the French Government survives the vote of confidence tomorrow. He says Spaak is in Geneva and will sound out Eden, while there, on the proposed meeting we had discussed in Brussels. I told him how favorably this idea had been received at our Ambassadors' meeting in London.

Doc Matthews called on me and I gave him the salient points on our London meeting.

Preston Grover visited me. He thinks the Government will certainly fall tomorrow, but its opponents will be careful not to vote against it by an absolute majority, which might lead to a dissolution of Parliament. The ex-Gaullists would be anxious to avoid this, since in any new election they would undoubtedly lose many seats. Preston also thinks nothing can be accomplished at the Geneva Conference to improve the situation in Indo-China.

We dined tonight at the Philippe de Rothschilds'. The dinner was in honor of the Jebbs. I sat between Lady Jebb, who is agreeable, and Baroness Edouard

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de Rothschild, who is still one of the most beautiful and charming women in Paris. In compliment, supposedly to her, Philippe first served Ch. Lafite 1929 in magnums. This was [redacted] good, but was surpassed by what followed, namely 1898 Ch. Mouton de Rothschild, in jeroboams. The bottles themselves were splendid enough to serve as ornaments, and the wine [redacted] in superb condition. There were about 30 or 40 people, including members of Government, artists, musicians, society figures, and so forth.

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